

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-19.

Please amend the claims as follows:

20. (Currently amended) A method of selecting paint, said method comprising the steps of:

selecting a paint color card comprising a substrate having a surface coated with a layer of a colored coating composition formulated to have a dried color that is substantially similar to the dried color of a commercially-available paint composition, said paint color card having formed therein a plurality of perforations arranged in at least one tear line, said at least one tear line at least partially defining a chip section, wherein when the at least one tear line is severed, the chip section is movable to form a window in the paint color card;

selecting an item for comparison to the colored coating composition;

severing the at least one tear line;

moving the chip section to form a window in the paint color card; and

disposing the paint color card over the item such that the item may be viewed through the window.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the item is a color strip having a plurality of color swatches formed thereon, said color swatches being comprised of different colored coating compositions formulated to have dried colors that are substantially similar to the dried colors of commercially-available paint compositions, each of said color swatches having a size greater in every direction than the chip section of the paint color card.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of positioning the color strip such that one of the color swatches may be viewed through the window.

23. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the at least one tear line of the paint color card has ends separated by a space in which the paint color card is not perforated, and wherein the step of moving the chip section comprises folding the chip section over a second

surface of the paint color card, said chip section being folded along a fold line extending between the ends of the at least one tear line in the space.

24. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the at least one tear line comprises a plurality of tear lines that define the chip section, and wherein the step of moving the chip section comprises detaching the chip section from the paint color card.

25. (New) A method of selecting paint, said method comprising the step of:
selecting a paint color card comprising a substrate having a first surface coated in its entirety with a layer of a first colored coating composition formulated to have a dried color that is substantially similar to dried color of a commercially-available paint composition, said paint color card having formed therein a plurality of perforations arranged in at least one tear line, said at least one tear line at least partially defining a chip section, wherein when the at least one tear line is severed, the chip section is movable to form a window in the paint color card;

26. (New) The method of claim 25, further comprising the steps of:
selecting an item for comparison to the first colored coating composition;
severing the at least one tear line;
moving the chip section to form a window in the paint color card; and
disposing the paint color card over the item such that the item may be viewed through the window.

27. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the item is a color strip having a plurality of color swatches formed thereon, said color swatches being comprised of different colored coating compositions formulated to have dried colors that are substantially similar to the dried colors of commercially-available paint compositions, each of said color swatches having a size greater in every direction than the chip section of the paint color card.

28. (New) The method of claim 26, further comprising the step of positioning the color strip such that one of the color swatches may be viewed through the window.

29. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the at least one tear line of the paint color card has ends separated by a space in which the paint color card is not perforated, and wherein the step of moving the chip section comprises folding the chip section over a second surface of the paint color card, said chip section being folded along a fold line extending between the ends of the at least one tear line in the space.

30. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein the at least one tear line comprises a plurality of tear lines that define the chip section, and wherein the step of moving the chip section comprises detaching the chip section from the paint color card.

31. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the paint color card has a second surface coated with a layer of the first colored coating composition.

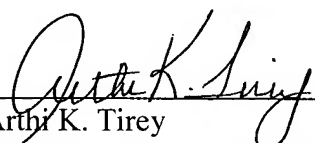
32. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the paint color card has a second surface, having a surface area that is coated in its entirety with a layer of a second colored coating composition formulated to have a dried color that is substantially similar to dried color of a second commercially-available paint composition, said second colored coating composition having a different color than the first colored coating composition.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, further comprising the steps of :
selecting an item for comparison to the second colored coating composition;
severing the at least one tear line;
moving the chip section to form a window in the paint color card; and
disposing the paint color card over the item such that the item may be viewed through the window.

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Respectfully submitted,

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